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December 10, 2014

Mr. Kent O. Keutzer
Plant Superintendent
Olympic Oil Ltd
5000 West 41st Street
Chicago, Illinois 60650

Dear Mr. Keutzer:

Subject: Requirements for Spill Containment

Investigation has revealed that you have violated Article V, Section 4 and Appendix A, Section 3 of the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance (Ordinance) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) and the applicable Illinois law pertaining to pollution. Your violation consists of failure to provide adequate secondary containment for your tank farm, thereby allowing migration of an oily substance to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC) on August 22, 2014.

On August 26 and 27, 2014, Mr. Franklin Hayes, of my staff, inspected your facility and verified that there were two containment wall breaches and poor housekeeping, which resulted in a visible hydrocarbon sheen on the CSSC. Mr. Hayes met with Messrs. Charles D. Curtis and Mark Retzlaff, of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Ms. Anita L. Boseman, of the USEPA during the inspection. The breach area of the containment wall was leaking oily water overland in the direction of the CSSC. A containment hole was excavated to create an earthen sump pit from which oily water was pumped into 300 gallon-capacity totes. The containment wall around the truck rack area is highly deteriorated allowing oily water to migrate toward the containment pit. Clean-up efforts were ongoing during the District inspections.

The District makes reference to a Notice of Federal Interest in Oil Pollution Incident (Notice) which was issued to your facility on August 22, 2014, by the USEPA, regarding the aforementioned containment wall breaches and migration to the CSSC. This notice requires you to take appropriate action to minimize any potential adverse environmental impacts resulting from this incident. The District also makes reference to an action plan for your facility dated August 26, 2014, regarding this incident, which was submitted to Mr. Hayes during his inspection. In light of this incident it is the District's determination that the containment walls in question are presently in poor condition and must be either repaired or dismantled and reconstructed in order to minimize potential future pollutant contamination of the CSSC.

Mr. Kent O. Keutzer

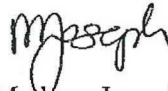
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Consequently, the District requires you to submit by January 8, 2015, a schedule of completion for your action plan. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist, at 312-751-5926 or michael.o'brien@mwr.org.

Very truly yours,



Matthew Joseph
Assistant Director of Monitoring and Research
Industrial Waste Division

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cc: Ms. Anita L. Boseman, USEPA

Mr. Charles D. Curtis, IEPA

Mr. Mark Retzlaff, IEPA

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